

Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO) Partnership Plan

Building Sustainable Capacity: Defining and Executing Partnerships

CCDO Vision for Partnerships

The CCDO vision for partnerships provides leadership within the Department of Justice's, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and the federal government to dramatically expand the level of public and private partnership models that build and sustain local capacity to create safer, thriving communities -- lending support to OJP's tagline, "Partnerships for Safer Communities."

Making the Case— a Rationale for CCDO Partnerships

OJP has a leadership role in facilitating and supporting community building strategies. There is a direct correlation between building communities and addressing crime and other public safety issues. If a family, school, business, or neighborhood is not safe, nothing else thrives. Public safety is the foundation for effective community initiatives.

*"It is clear from experience in numerous communities over the past two decades that community-building and community development initiatives rarely succeed without addressing issues of crime and violence."*¹

The Weed and Seed strategy is based on bringing "together federal, state, and local crime-fighting agencies, social service providers, representatives of the public and private sectors, prosecutors, business owners and neighborhood residents under the shared goal of weeding out violent crime ... while seeding in social services and economic revitalization."² Four principles guide this process: collaboration, coordination, community participation and leveraging resources. Outcomes from CCDO's partnership model include:

- Increased resources and support for targeted communities
- Innovation in systems design and service delivery
- Coordination of local, state, federal agencies, and tribal sovereignties
- Multi-agency coordination across sectors
- Comprehensive, concentrated, and coordinated federal efforts
- Intentional focus of resources on neighborhoods of greatest need
- Strategic design of services to appropriately match community needs
- Identification and reduction of overlap and duplication
- Leveraging of existing public and private resources
- Increased impact from existing federal services and programs

¹ Hartmann, Tracey A., (2002). *Moving Beyond the Walls: Faith and Justice Partnerships Working for High Risk Youth*. Public Private Ventures/OJJDP.

² EOWS, (2001). *The Weed and Seed Strategy*.

CCDO Definition of Partnership

CCDO defines partnerships as a structure that promotes unified, visionary leadership and innovative, effective problem solving to our most compelling community challenges. CCDO's partnerships aim to create healthy, self-sustaining communities while benefiting local collaboratives.

Purpose of CCDO Partnerships

The purpose of CCDO partnerships is to enhance and sustain the ability of local collaboratives to achieve community safety and revitalization strategies.

CCDO Partnership Agreement Requirements

1. The Agreement is written and signed by the partners.
2. The Agreement falls within one of the four components of the Weed and Seed Strategy--
 - Law Enforcement
 - Community Policing
 - Prevention/ Intervention/Treatment
 - Neighborhood Restoration
3. The Agreement defines a compelling common mission or purpose for the partnership.
4. The Agreement builds the capacity of CCDO grantees to execute their strategic plans.
5. The Agreement provides material benefits to CCDO grantees in the field.
6. The Agreement clearly identifies the roles and responsibilities of each partner.
7. The Agreement defines what each partner is contributing to the partnership.
8. The Agreement includes specific timelines, outcomes, and performance measures.
9. The Agreement establishes communication, reporting, and accountability mechanisms for the partnership.
10. The Agreement has a cancellation clause exercisable by all partners.

CCDO Partnership Contributions

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ➤ Resources (including grant awards) | ➤ Program Evaluation |
| ➤ Strategy Development | ➤ Marketing and Promotion |
| ➤ Training and Technical Assistance | ➤ Research and Best Practices |

CCDO Contact

Sonia Klukas
Community Partnership Outreach Officer
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Community Capacity Development Office
810 7th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20531
E-mail: sonia.klukas@usdoj.gov
Direct: 202-616-3454
CCDO: 202-616-1152
Fax: 202-616-1159